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SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers and Cargo every week.

The S.S. CANARA, 1,932 Tons, 200 H. P., Commander T. Sanders, will be despatched on SATURDAY next, the 11th December 1875, a 4 P.M.

	Dec. 1875.		Dec. 1875.
Leaves BOMBAY	11	Leaves Tuticorin	19
„ Ratnagherry	12	„ Colombo	20
„ Vingorla	12	„ Pondicherry	24
„ Goa	12	„ Madras	26
„ Mangalore	13	„ Vizagapatam	27
„ Cannanore	15	„ Coconada	28
„ Tellicherry	15	„ Vizagapatam	29
„ Calicut	16	„ Bimlipatam	29
„ Beypore	16	„ Gopalpore	30
„ Cochin	17	„ False Point	31
„ Alleppey	18	Arrives CALCUTTA	Jan. 1

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked by the Steamers on this line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Messageries Maritime Company's Steamers, which run regularly.

Also for Batavia, Sourabaya, Tjilatjap, Palembang, Pontianak, Aceh, Padang and Moulmein Islands, to go forward by the Messageries Maritime and Netherlands India S. N. Companies.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF, via KURRACHEE

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company or other Steamers.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every week to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUADEL, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, BUSREH, and occasionally at BAHREIN, and MAHOMERAH.

The S. S. COCONADA, 861 Tons, 120 H. P., Commander A. Moores, will be despatched on FRIDAY next, the 10th December 1875, at 4 P.M.

	Dec. 1875.		Dec. 1875.
Leaves BOMBAY	10	Leaves BUSREH	29
„ Kurrachee	14	„ Mahomerah	29
„ Guader	16	„ Fao	29
„ Jask	18	„ Bushire	31
„ Bunder Abbas	20	„ Linga	Jan. 1876. 7
„ Linga	21	„ Bunder Abbas	7
„ Bushire	23	„ Muscat	10
„ Fao	25	„ Kurrachee	14
„ Mahomerah	25	Arrives at BOMBAY	17
Arrives at BUSREH	26		

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE CALLING AT KATTYAWAR COAST PORTS.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every week to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, BUSREH, and occasionally at BAHREIN, and MAHOMERAH.

The S. S. PUTTIALLA, 840 Tons, 120 H. P., Commander W. Chowpen, will be despatched on SUNDAY, the 13th December 1875, at 2 P.M., calling at Veraval, Porebunder, Mangrole, and Cutch Mandvie.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY

VIA SUEZ CANAL.

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE BOMBAY GENOA, and on the 1st on the 24th, of each month.

PASSENGERS' RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
Aden	£22	£15	£4	Without food.
Suez	36	22	6	
Port Said	38	24	9	
Messina	50	34	14	
Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14	
Marseilles	52	35	14-10	

Including Wine.

Children under 2 years, free of charge. Children not above years, half fare.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY :—

SUMATRA, to sail on SATURDAY, 1st January 1876.
ASSIRIA, to sail on SATURDAY, 15th January 1876.
BATAVIA, to sail on TUESDAY, 1st January 1876.
INDIA, to sail on TUESDAY, 15th February 1876.
PERSIA, to sail on WEDNESDAY, 1st March, 1876.
AUSTRALIA, to sail on WEDNESDAY, 15th March 1876.

From the 1st January 1876 Steamers will leave Genoa on the 10th and 24th, and Bombay on the 1st and 15th of every month, until further notice.

All Steamers of this Company have large First and Second-class accommodation; and always carry a Doctor and a Stewardess on board.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c, apply to

C. GRONDONA,
Agent Rubattino Steam Navigation Company,
No. 9, Hummum Street.

Bombay, 8th December 1875.

ANCHOR LINE—INDIAN SERVICE.

FOR LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL, TO SAIL WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

THE powerful Steamer INDIA, 2,289 Tons, 500 H. P., J. Harris, Commander, will sail for LIVERPOOL from BOMBAY via Suez Canal on WEDNESDAY, 15th December. This Steamer has superior first class accommodation fitted with every comfort and convenience. The saloon is large and well ventilated and the Punkas are worked by steam.

For Passage, &c., apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.,
Agents.

Bombay, 1st December 187 .

SHIP RAJPOOT, Captain Andrew, from LONDON.—This Ship having this day been reported at the Custom, CONSIGNEES are requested to MAKE ENTRIES, present BILLS of LADING and PAY FREIGHT at the Offices of the Undersigned, without which no Goods will be delivered. Failing BOATS being SENT alongside for CARGO on its being ready for delivery, it will be landed at the risk and expense of the respective Consignees. No responsibility for the condition of Packages will be acknowledged after they leave the ship's side.

SIR CHARLES FORBES & Co.,
[Agents, Ship Rajpoot.

SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE following or other first-class Vessels will be despatched for EUROPE.

Vessels.	Captains.	Tons.	H.P.	Dec.
GEELONG	C. Fraser	1834	200	13th—Suez, &c.
CATHAY	R. T. Dundas	2983	500	20th—Southampton.
BANGALORE	T. Alderton	2-8s	500	27th—Suez, &c.

Passengers are booked to Malta, Gibraltar and Southampton by every Mail. The Southampton Steamers proceed to that port direct; but by the alternate Steamers passengers change Vessels at Suez.

Passengers to Brindisi, Ancona, and Venice are carried by every Steamer, but proceed by rail from Suez to Alexandria.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon, on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P.M. precisely on the day of sailing.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 6th December 1875.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On TUESDAY, the 14th Dec. 1875, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. C. S. S. KASHGAR, 2,624 Tons, and 450 H.P., Capt. E. J. Baker, will be despatched as above carrying the Mail, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after noon on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged at the Company's Office before noon, on SATURDAY, the 11th December 1875.

GEORGE F. HENRY,
Bombay, 6th December 1875. Superintendent.

STEAM TO KING GEORGE'S SOUND, ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE, AND SYDNEY.

On SATURDAY, the 11th Dec., at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE Peninsular and Oriental Company's Steam-ship MONGOLIA, 2,833 Tons, and 550 H.P., Captain A. Coleman, will be despatched as above, calling at Galle.

For Freight or Passage apply to

GEORGE F. HENRY,
3 Rampart Row, 6th Dec. 1875. Superintendent.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE First-class Passenger Steamer ETTORE, 3,500 Tons, 400 H.P., will be despatched for Trieste on or about the 10th January 1876. This Steamer has excellent accommodation for 1st and 2nd Class Passengers.

RATES OF PASSAGE,

including a free conveyance of 3 cwt. luggage and a liberal Table, (exclusive of Wines and Liquors.)

	1st Class	2nd Class	Deck.
To Trieste	£45 0	£35 0	£18 0
To Port Said	£32 10	£25 10	£13 2
To Suez	£30 0	£24 0	£12 5

Children under 3 years of age, Free: above 3 and under 10 years, Half Fare.

For further particulars, and for Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company.

A. C. GUMPERT, Agent.
24, Bombay Green, 10th December 1875.

SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY, No. 4, Forbes Street.

AUCTION SALE of Condemned Biscuits, Empty Hogsheads, Barrels, Casks, Cases, Bags, &c., at Apollo Bunder

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 10th instant, at 4 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the above-mentioned place, by order of Sorabjee Pestonjee and Company, landed from H. M.'s Vessels of the De acked Squadron.

A quantity of Condemned Biscuits and Biscuit Dust, Empty Bags, Hog heads, Half Ho sheads, Barrels, Casks, Wooden and Metal Cases, Tins, Hoop Irons, Loose Casks of Grease, &c.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable and handsome English walnutwood, mahogany, and richly carved blackwood house hold furniture, splendid pier glasses with console tables, Tucker's 2, 4, 6 & 8 light argand chandeliers, wall gerandoles, rich Brussels and Persian carpets, plated, glass, and china ware, first class carriages, horses, &c., 85 Victoria Road, Byculla.

On WEDNESDAY, the 15th instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at his residence at the above-named place, the very valuable and handsome household furniture, carriages, horses, &c., the property of Hossein Effendi, Esquire, Turkish Consul, leaving Bombay.

Full particulars will be given hereafter. Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 4 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE of handsome French polished household furniture, plated, glass, and porcelain ware, a black Australian horse, gelding, good charger, goes in harness, carries a lady, 15-2½, stands five, ridden at camp of exercise; a grey Arab horse, charger, constantly ridden by a lady, 14-1½, stands fifteen 2 Guzerat buffaloes, one recently calved, gives from 8 to 10 seers milk per day, a hill tent with rowly, &c., at H. M.'s House of Correction, Byculla.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 10th instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to submit to Public Auction, at his residence, at the above-mentioned place, the handsome household furniture, horses, &c., the property of Major PRENDERGAST WALSH proceeded to Europe. The same comprises rich cut glassware, handsome dinner, dessert and breakfast services, best plated ware, such as hot water and vegetable dishes, cruet, pickle and liqueur frames, ice pitcher, waiter, butter pot, a set of best electroplated king's pattern spoons and forks, table and piano candlesticks, handsome polished Rose-wood furniture such as a set of dining table in five pieces, travelling sideboard, dining room chairs, full backed conversation sofas, centre ottoman, whatnots, teapoys, chiffoniers, Ahmedabad carved centre ottoman, whatnots, teapoys, chiffoniers, Ahmedabad carpets and rug, handsome English brass four posted bedstead, reclining couches, dressing and washing tables, dispense articles, cooking utensils, &c.

AT 2 P.M.

A black Australian gelding, good charger, goes in harness, carries a lady, 15 2½, stands five, ridden a camp of exercise.

A grey Arab horse, charger, constantly ridden by a lady 14-1½, stands five.

2 Guzerat buffaloes, one recently calved, gives about 8 to 10 seers milk per day

No Catalogues, and the property is now on view.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and handsome French polished household furniture, made to order, best plated, rich crockery and glassware, a first class full toned semi-grand piano, by "Broadwood and Sons," rich Brussels carpets, handsome China gilt jars, vases and table ornaments, a first class English built open carriage by Ness Brothers, in excellent order, a pair of bay Australian carriage horses, over 15 hands, sets of best English brass mounted carriage harness, gas fittings, choice plants, &c., at Malabar Hill.

On TUESDAY, the 14th instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at his residence, at the above-mentioned place, the valuable and hand ome household furniture, piano, carriage, horses &c., the property of HENRY GAMBLE, Esq., Official Assignee.

The same comprises rich star cut glassware, handsome China dessert and tea services, best Mappin's plated ware, such as a set of dish covers containing 6 hot water curry dishes, cruet and liqueur stands, ice pitcher, tea tray, waiter, a set of best electroplated king's pattern spoons and forks in mahogany case, handsome dessert fish knives with ivory handles for 12 persons in cases, plated and amber candlesticks, cutlery by Mappin Brothers, &c., handsome French polished furniture made to order by "Deschamps and Co.," such as a set of dining table in pieces, sideboards, dining room chairs, handsome gilt dining room pukkas, screens, handsome circular pier and card tables, with marble tops, English pattern easy and drawing room chairs, full backed sofas, centre Ottoman, very rich Brussels velvet pile carpets, whatnots, chiffonier, handsome plated 3 light hanging argand lamps, a first class sweet-toned semi-grand piano by "Broadwood and Sons" in excellent order, very handsome China and Japanese jars, vase and table ornaments, camp cots, English brass small bedstead cheqaitra couches, dressing and washing tables, toilet and cheval glasses, wardrobe, chest of drawers, dispense articles, cooking utensils, a first rate breech-loading central fire rifle in case, a valuable collection of books, choice plants, gas fittings, &c.

AT 2 P.M.

A first class English built open carriage by Ness Brothers with a pair of handsome Bay Australian horses and a set of English brass mounted harness, &c.

Catalogues are published and the property is now on view.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and handsome household furniture plated, glass, and porcelainware, &c., at the bungalow lately occupied by the late Dr. Wand, Malabar Hill.

On MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the above-mentioned place the valuable and handsome household furniture, plated, glass and porcelainware, &c., the property of Honorable Mr. A. M. R. OGILVIE changing residence.

Full particulars will be given hereafter. Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 4 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE of the valuable landed property known as the Apollo House, situated at the junction of Apollo and Marine Streets, wi hin the Fort of Bombay.

Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction on the premises on WEDNESDAY, the 15th instant, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the undermentioned valuable landed property :—

All that piece or parcel of land with the two-storied house standing thereon, suitable for offices or shops, situated at the junction of Apollo and Marine Streets, within the Fort of Bombay, admeasuring 980 and four-ninths square yards or thereabouts, registered in the books of the Collector of Bombay under Nos. 12 and 13, and in the books of the Collector of Assessment under No. 29 and bounded on the North side by a warehouse and offices on the South side by the junction of Apollo and Marine streets, on the east side by Marine street and on the west side by Apollo Street.

For further particulars and conditions of sale and for inspection of title deeds of the property apply to Messrs. Rimington, Hore, and Langley, Solicitors, Apollo Street or to the undersigned.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 8th December 1875.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TOWN HALL.

GRAND FAREWELL PERFORMANCE

OF THE

CARANDINI

OPERATIC AND BALLAD COMPANY,

ASSISTED BY MR. LOCK GRAY

ON THE

GRAND ORGAN,

THIS AFTERNOON, FRIDAY, December 10th, at half past 5, to conclude at 7.

REDUCTION IN CHARGES OF ADMISSION.

RESERVED SEATS Rs. 2. PROMENADE Re. 1.

Tickets obtained and seats secured at S. ROSE & Co., where a Plan of the Hall can be seen.

Doors open at 5; to Commence at 5-30.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THIS AFTERNOON, FRIDAY, POSITIVELY THE LAST APPEARANCE OF THE COMPANY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ANCHOR LINE—INDIAN SERVICE.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE following or other First Class Steamers of the ANCHOR LINE will sail from GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL, to PORT SAID, SUEZ, and BOMBAY and from BOMBAY to SUEZ, PORT SAID, GIBRALTA and LIVERPOOL :—

	From Glasgow.	From Liverpool.	From Bombay.
Tons H.P.	Saturday.	Saturday.	Wednesday.
INDIA 2289 500			15th Dec
M. CEDONIA 2252 400			5th Jan. 1876
TRINACRIA 2167 424	4th Dec.	11th Dec.	26th Jan.
EUROPA 2477 424	1st Jan.	8th Jan.	23rd Feb.

And regularly thereafter further sailings being arranged according to the requirements of the trade.

All the Steamers of this Line carry a SURGEON and a STEWARDESS, and have superior First Class accommodation fitted with every convenience. They have also exceptionally good Second Class accommodation.

Passengers and Cargo booked through to New York in connection with the Anchor Line Transatlantic Service.

Fares from Bombay to Liverpool. Suez.

FIRST CLASS	Rs. 500	Rs. 350
SECOND CLASS	„ 300	„ 200

A reduction of 15 per cent. will be given on Return Passages all who re-embark by Anchor Line Steamer within twelve months of time of landing.

For Passage, Freight, &c., apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

INDIAN TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

PASSENGERS by Rail or Boat arriving in Bombay will find full and accurate information regarding every ROUTE to TRAVEL from this City to other parts of India and abroad, in the "INDIAN TRAVELLERS' GUIDE," published at the *Bombay Gazette* Press on the 1st of each month. This "Guide" is the only one published in Bombay, and containing alterations the service of Trains and Steamers on this side of India corrected up to date. The "Guide" has an excellent Railway Map of India, and an Introduction giving much useful information to Strangers staying a week or two in Bombay.

Price—EIGHT ANNAS.

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The GUIDE may be obtained at

The "BOMBAY GAZETTE" OFFICE,
The BOOKSELLERS,
The BOMBAY HOTELS, and
The PRINCIPAL RAILWAY STATIONS.

THE VICTORIA MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given to all SHAREHOLDERS in the VICTORIA MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED, who have not yet PAID the amount of CALLS due on the Shares subscribed for, by them, in the Company, that unless the amount of such Calls, together with Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, be paid by them at the Office of the Company, No. 5, Hornby Row, Fort, on or before MONDAY, the 20th instant, all Shares in respect of which such Calls and interest are due, will be ABSOLUTELY FORFEITED.

By Order of the Board,
C. & F. DINSHAWJEE,
Bombay, 7th December 1875. Agents.

ALWAYS ON HAND AT

M. B. MADON & COMPANY'S,

PURE DRUGS, CHEMICALS and GENUINE PATENT MEDICINES from the best makers of London. Charges are extremely moderate, and usually 25 per cent less than other respectable druggists in the Town.

M. B. Madon & Co. have the pleasure to find through their four years' business that their supplies to wholesale and retail buyers from up-countries and here have met with full satisfaction.

M. B. MADON & Co.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS AND CHEMISTS,
40, Bohrakhe, Zoona Masjid, Bombay.

NOTICE is hereby given, that MUNOO MEYA BIN MAHOMODDIN ENGINEER has CONTRACTED and AGREED to SELL a piece of LAND situated at Dharavee in the Island of Bombay, in the sub-district of Mandvee, and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 23 on the name of the said Munoo meya bin Mahomoddin Engineer, and containing by admeasurement 1,779 square yards or thereabouts, and bounded on or towards the East partly by land of Muncon Ludkoo and partly by Government ground, on or towards the West by land belonging to Government ground. ALL PERSONS having any CLAIM or right by way of Inheritance, Mortgage or in anywise whatever are hereby required to make the same known at the Collector's Office, Elphinstone Circle, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which the purchase will be completed without reference to any claim whatsoever.

EDWARD BATES & Co.

Dated this 9th day of December 1875.

THE NEW EAST INDIA PRESS COMPANY, LIMITED.

ધો નોટિસ ઈસ્ટ ઇંડીઆ પ્રેસ કંપની, લીમિટેડ.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the FIRST ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 8, Church Lane, on THURSDAY, the 23rd instant at 3 P.M., to transact the following business :—

1st. To pass and confirm the Audited Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th September 1875, and to declare a Dividend.

2nd. To appoint two Directors, one in the place of Mr. Soonderdas Mooljee, deceased, and the other in the place of Mr. Bhaker Mavedjee who retire this year from the Direction in pursuance of Articles of Association but who is eligible for re-election.

3rd. To a point Auditors for the year 1875-76 and to fix their remuneration.

By Order,
મુલજી જેઠાની કું.
i. e. MOOLJEE JAITHA & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, 7th December 1875.

N.B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

Xmas Presents

MESSRS. HAMILTON & Co.,
JEWELLERS,

RESPECTFULLY solicit an inspection of their NEW and EXTENSIVE STOCK, comprising JEWELLERY of every description of the Latest Fashion and most Beautiful Designs, with other articles of Silver and Electro-Plate, Oakwood with Silver and Electro-plated Mounts, both useful and ornamental, and particularly suitable for CHRISTMAS SOUVENIERS, WEDDING and BIRTHDAY PRESENTS, BADMINTON PRIZES, &c.

HAMILTON & Co.,
RAMPART ROW.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

THE Undersigned beg to intimate that they only sell the above preparation for CASH.

Per Case, 10s. 6d. at 1s. 9d. per Rupee—Rs. 6.

The Trade supplied at discount.

D. S. KEMP & Co., BOMBAY.

ENTOMOLOGY.

BUTTERFLY NETS, FORCEPS,
INSECT BOXES, CAMPHOR DRYING BOTTLES
PINS, CORK SHEETING, CHLOROFORM,
DISSECTING INSTRUMENTS.

D. S. KEMP & Co., BOMBAY.

SPECTACLES.

EYE GLASSES.

COLOURED EYE PRESERVERS.

Set in Frames of
Blue Steel, Gilt Steel, Gold,
Nickel-plated Steel, Gilt Sterling Silver,
Tortoise shell.

Assorted for every Degree of Short or Long Sight, and Guaranteed of first quality.

EVERY ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION SUPPLIED.

D. S. KEMP & Co., BOMBAY.

SPECIAL SHORT ADVERTISEMENTS.

CUMBALLA HILL—TO LET, FURNISHED, the HOUSE in the occupation of Mr. BROMLEY. Apply at Mr. BROMLEY'S Office, No. 8, Elphinstone Circle.

FOR SALE, a SEMI-GRAND PIANO by Broadwood, the property of Major P. WALSH, gone to England. Apply to Mr. C. MAPP, House of Correction.

WANTED, an EUROPEAN GOVERNESS. Answers by letter to "A.," care of Editor *Bombay Gazette*, Bombay.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, the CARE of CHILDREN or an INVALID LADY. Return Passage to England. Mrs. CHAPMAN, Post Office, Colaba.

LOST, TO-DAY, between the Bombay Club and the Cathedral, a GOLD SPECTACLES by MENIST, in case marked KEMP. The finder will be REWARDED on restoring same to the STEWARD, Bombay Club 9th Dec 1875.

BASS'S BEER, QUARTS and IMPERIAL PINTS, Bottled by Pury, just landed ex J. C. Stevenson. Apply to E. L. SOUTHERN & Co., No. 6, Elphinstone Circle

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BADHAM AND COMPANY'S SPECIAL KIT

FOR OVERLAND PASSENGERS AND TRAVELLERS,

READY FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

CASH PRICES.

	Rs. a.		Rs. a.		Rs. a.
Deck Suits	10 to 16 8	Travelling Caps	3 8	Gents' Dressing Cases	11 8
Overland Suits	25 0	Travelling Sola-kain Caps	5 0	Soiled Linen Bags, all sizes	6 0
Warm Suits	33 0	Bathing Drawers	2 0	Cash Bags	6 12
Overcoats and Inverness Capes from	35 0	Travelling Hats	3-8 to 4 8	Courier do	4-8 to 12 8
Dressing Gowns	9 to 29 0	Cardigan Jackets, very warm	9-8 to 12 8	Money Belts	3-8 to 6 8
Pyjamas	3 0	Sheets, per pair	9 8	Sewer ign Boxes	3 to 4 8
Oxford Shirts, Collar attached	5 12	Pillow Cases, each	1-4 to 2 8	Tiffin Baskets fitted	16 to 22 8
White do	4 8	Blankets each	10 8	Air Pillows	5 0
French Cambric do., Collar attached	4 8	Long Rugs or Scotch Mauds	10 to 15 0	Travelling do	1 8
English Cambric do	4 0	Jeanie or Quilts	5 8	Fol ing Camp Bedsteads	35 0
Best Shrunk Flannel do	8 0	Ladies' Long Wool Shawls	From 22 0	Cork Mattrasses	19 8
Silk and Wool do	8 8	Portmanteaus or Overland Trunks	12-8 to 23	Cotton do	15 0
Spun Silk do	11 0	Waterproof Coats	10 0	Rug Straps	1-8 to 2 8
Gents' Under Vests	3-6 to 6 0	Waterproof Sheeting	6 0	Waterproof Coats	10 0
Bathing Drawers	2 0	Solid Leather do	49 0	60-Inch Drab Twill Waterproof Sheeting	6 0
Gents' Under Pants	4 to 8 0	Extra Large do	75 0	42-Inch White Waterproof	4 8
Gents' Cotton Socks	doz. 8 8	Black Hide Bags	11 8	Linen Faced Collars	0 12
Warm do	13 8	Extra large do	24 0	Linen Collars doz.	6 0
Ladies' Under Vests	4-8 to 6 8	Gladstone Bags	35 0	Cambric Handkerchiefs	0 0
Ladies' White Cotton Hose	doz 13 8	Travelling Writing Cases fitted	11 4	Warm Gloves	1 8
Ladies' Heather Merino Hose	doz. 9 8	Gents' Bags, fitted complete	72 0	Mitts	1 8
Children's White Cotton Socks	from doz 4-8 to 12 8	Ladie's Carriage Bags, fitted complete	58 8	Mufflers	2 12
Heather Merino	do 6-8 to 12 8			Pens, Pearl	1 0
				Sailors' Knot	1-8 to 3 0
				Windsors for Bows or Ring	1-8 to 4 0
				Pocket Filters	2 12
				Air Tight Uniform cases	23 0
				Sponge Bags	1 8
				Sponges	8 8
				Soap Boxes	1 8
				Smelling Salts, per bottle	2 8
				Aromatic Vinegar per bot	2 0
				Tooth Brush Guards	0 10
				Do. Brushes	0 10
				Nail Do.	0 12
				Hair Brushes and Combs in Pigskin case	3 8
				Razors, Ivory Handles	3 8
				Do. Strops	3-8 to 5 8
				Nail Scissors	1-8 to 1 12
				Champagne Taps	8 8
				Pocket Knives	2 8
				Marine Soap, 3 cakes for	0 12
				Shaving do. Stick	1 0
				Overland Chairs, best Beech	6 to 12
				Filters for Travellers covered Wicker from	11 4
				Air Tight Uniform cases	23 0
				Sponge Bags	1 8
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ELASTIC SIDE BOOTS.	Kid, Patent Toe Cap Rs. 12-8 and Rs. 15. Plain Soft Kid, Rs. 13 and Rs. 15.	LACED SHOES.	Strong Morocco, Rs. 8-8. Plain Kid, Rs. 17-8. Kid, with Cloth Tops, Rs. 12-8. Glace Kid, Rs. 10 8.
FRENCH BOOTS WITH TASSELS.	Kid, High button, Rs. 27 8 to Rs. 33. Cashmere, High button, Rs. 22-8. Silk Velvet, High button, Rs. 35.	FANCY SHOES.	Bronze, Rs. 9-8 to Rs. 17-8. Black Velvet, with Steel Buckle, Rs. 27-8. Black Quilted Satin, Rs. 15. Plain Black Satin, Gilt Buckle, Rs. 13 8. Plain, with Steel Buckle, Rs. 22 8.
WALKING BOOTS.	Strong Kid, Patent tips. Rs. 12 8 Strong Kid, with double Soles, Rs. 12-8.	WALKING SHOES.	Plain kid, with high heels, Rs. 20. Ditto with Black Buckle and Bow, Rs. 25. Plain, with 4 Buckles, Rs. 33. Patent Leather double Soles, Rs. 15 8.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THURSDAY EVENING, 9TH DEC. 1875.

THE Liverpool Cotton Market yesterday closed firm, a decided improvement on the tone which has been advised for sometime back, but prices as quoted by Reuter showed no alteration either on the spot or to arrive, Fair Dhollera and Oomrawuttee being still quoted at 4 11-16d. and Good Fair Omra, Good Fair clause February-March shipment, via Canal at 5 5-16d. per lb.

From New York yesterday's telegram quotes Mid. Uplands on the spot at 12¾, an advance of 1/8 cent. per lb., Futures being apparently unchanged. Gold and Exchange on London are unaltered. The receipts of Cotton at the ports show the following comparisons :—

	1875	1874	1873
Wednesday's Receipts	27,000	26,000	28,000
Five days' do.	121,000	121,000	123,000

Total Receipts since 1st Sep. 1,715,000 1,566,000 1,289,000

The London Coffee Market yesterday was dull at a decline of 6d. to 1s. 6d. per cwt., but other articles of General Produce were unchanged.

We have had another quiet day in business here and it becomes daily more probable that this state of matters will prevail until after the Christmas and New Year holidays. These here are likely to be fixed by the Banks for Friday and Saturday, the 24th and 25th and the 31st instant.

STERLING EXCHANGE opened this morning with great weakness and a decline of 1/16d. was established for Credits, but in the afternoon a firmer feeling was apparent after receipt of advices from Calcutta, although rates did not recover. We quote :—

Bank Bills on demand		1s. 9 7-16d.	per Rupee.
Do.	6 months' sight	1s. 9 13-16d.	to ¾ „
Credits	3 „	1s. 9¾ d.	„
Documents	3 „	1s. 9¼ t.	„

On Calcutta there are sellers of demand bills at 1/16 per cent. discount but no buyers. For 60 days' the nominal quotation is ⅛ per cent. discount.

GOVERNMENT PAPER continues steady at Rs. 101 15 16 for Fours, at which a considerable business has been done and there are still buyers. Fours-and-a-half may be quoted at Rs. 101¾; Fives-and-a-half at Rs. 107½ to ⅝.

The SHARE MARKET continues dull with a downward tendency, and although our quotations are not generally lower, the transactions reported, with few exceptions, show a slight fall.

The demand for COTTON to-day has been decidedly more active on the strength of the home telegrams, but owing to the rates asked by sellers only a few transactions have resulted and these chiefly in old stuff. Rain seems to have been general in the Berars and this naturally renders sellers less willing to place cotton forward guaranteeing classification, but Good Fair Omra, February delivery, is still offering at Rs. 175 per candy full pressed. A small parcel of Hingunghaut is reported to have been bought at Rs. 217, and fully Good Fair Akote, January-February delivery, is quoted at Rs. 184 per candy.

The following circular letter has been sent to the leading cotton firms to-day. The production is somewhat unique in style and both sides are alike undeserving of support as Sutta speculation is oftentimes in the way of real business :—

Bombay, 9th December, 1875.

Gentlemen,—We the people cotton merchants beg with the utmost request to bring to your kind notice, that Friday, the 10th Dec., is the day appointed to cut the Mangeur Valda at Dholleru, according to the current price of the ready Dholleras is higher and will give you the consignment of buying cotton at higher rates in Bombay. We therefore request your Honour that you will be good enough not to buy the cotton at the higher rates. By doing so we shall ever pray Almighty for your long life and prosperity.—We beg to remain, YOUR YELL-WISHERS.

FREIGHTS are quiet but steady at £2-2-6 for Canal Steamers for Liverpool, only a small business having been done, however, at the rate. By sail there is nothing doing.

PIECE GOODS are unaltered in position. The demand is slow and only a limited number of transactions are reported from first hands. Prices are unchanged.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Number of Shares.	Nomi. Value p. sh.	Paid up.	Last Dividend.	Banks.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
200,000	100	all	5 p.c.	Agra Bank	92
22,000	1,000	all	10 do.	Bank of Bengal	1,425
80,000	500	all	10 do.	Bank of Bombay New.	675½
40,000	1,250	1,000	40 do.	Bank of Madras	1,180
80,000	250	all	8 p.c.	Chartered Mercantile Bank. of L.I. & China	270
40,000	9811	all	Nil.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank.	266
40,000	20	all	5 p.c.	Chartered Bank of India and China	193
40,000	250	125	5 do.	National Bank of India.	108
80,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank.....	433 xd

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,850	200 p.a.	Akbar Cotton Press Co..	1,475
200	2,000	1,100	80 p.c.	Albert Co. Kurrachee.	700
100	500	all	18 p.c.	Albert Ginning Co.....	450
250	1,000	200000		Alfred Mills Co.	1,105
150	13,000	11,000	425 p.	Apollo Press Co.....	3,100
175	1,000	all		Bellary	765
150	500	all	65 p.c.	Berar Company (New).	525
1,000	30	all	42 p.	Indian Press Co.	260
400	200	all	60 p.c.	Broach Cotton Co.....	75
400	1,500	all	75 p.	Carwar Co.....	825 xd
200	250			Coconada Press Co.....	50
500	1,500	all	700	Colaba Press Co.....	3,600 xd
600	200	all	Nil.	Dholleru P. & G. Co.....	110
332	1,000	all		East India Press Co.....	1,310
150	8,500	all	Rs. 200	Fort Press Co.....	2,000
800	2,000	2,000	15 p.	Framji Cowasji Press Company	855
200	500	all	100 re	French Press Co.....	425
1,150	...	1,400	100 p.	Imperial Press Co.....	425
2,125	400	350	45 p.	Mofussil Press & Gin ning Co.....	380
600	2,000	5,000	...	Nicol Press Manufacturing Co., Ld.....	1,250
120		1,500	250 p.	Prince of W. Press	650
300	50	all	100 p.	Rassoom's Press Co	550
400	500	750	45 p.	Scinde Press Co.	4 0
300	1,000	750		Scinde & Punjaub Cotton Press Co., Limited.....	1,000
150	850	all	12 p.c.	Victoria Cotton Gin and Press Co	600xl
650	1,000	..	125p.c.	Volkart's United Press Co.	800

* Per share, for the half-year.

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

—	£20	218¾ 5 p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	154
—	£20	103 14 6	do. Do. New £20 Shares.....	126
—	£20	65 7 6	do. Ditto	72
—	£20	21 13 1	do. Ditto	25
—	100	1,000	do. B.B. & C. I. Railway Co	1,100
—	£10	196 9 6	do. Do. New Shares.....	220

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	60	Colaba Land Co.....	4,100
7,500	150	all	...	Frere Land & Pier Co. Ld	85
1,750	3,000	2 900	20 p.	Mazagon Land	600
6,000	1,400	all	15 do.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	215

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

600	1,250	all	100	Alexandra Spinning.....	1,150
500	2,500	all	100	Alliance Spinning	2,560
300	2,000	all	...	Bhowntugur M. & P. Co.	1,40
900	1,000	all	70	Bombay United	1,080
400	150	150	10	Bro. h Mills	170
900	1,000	750	...	Colaba Spinning.....	725
2,500	2,000	all	100 p.	Dhurumsey Spinning ..	890
1,250	1,250	all	60 p.	Hemina S. W. Co.....	980
1,400	1,000	all	80 p.	Great Eastern	1,0 5
700	1,000	all	60 p.	Hindustan S. W. Co.....	1,0 0
750	1,000	all	65 p.	Jurvaj Sallon Mills	960
...	800			Khandesh Spinning	780
500	1,250	all	Nil	Madras Spinning	900
...	500	all	...	Madras U. Spinning.....	925
2,500	1,000	all	70	Manockji Petit's.....	1,100
1,000	1,000	all	100 p.	Morarjee Spinning.....	1,115
4,000	625	all	40 p.	Oriental	695
600	1,250	250	...	Prince of Wales Spinning	625
110	1,000	1,000	200 p.	Soonderdas Spinning ...	875
600	1,000	250	125 p.	Do. Do. 1/4 share.	200

* Per share for the half-year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1,000	12,500	1500	140 p.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	1,650
1,000	50	all	4 p.c.	Bombay Gas Company..	57
500	1,000	all	40 p.	Bombay Saw Mill Co....	650
500	500	300	30 p.	Landing & Shipping Co. of Kurrachee, Ld.	170
2,150	200	100	8 p.	Malabar Company, Ld.	80
1,000	50	all	4 p.	Mechanics' Build'g Co...	28
1,000	200	all	30 p.	Treacher & Co.....	295
...	250	all	40 p.	Vingo Patent Slip	32

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

			Date L'dation.		
—	98	1191	...	Bank of China	1
—	...	...	...	East India Bank	1

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE S. S. ZEAL, 1,021 tons, Captain F. H. Priest, will sail to-day for Hull, via the Suez Canal, with a cargo of 34,090 cwts. linseed, and 325 cwts. horns.

THE A. H. LLOYD's Co's s. s. JUNO, 1,232 tons, Captain G. Sturli, sailed yesterday for Jeddah and Trieste, &c., with a general cargo, and seven hundred and sixty-three pilgrims.

THE BARQUE AMALTHEA, 683 tons, Captain B. Erichson, arrived in harbour on the 8th instant from Newcastle (August 7th), with a cargo of 927 tons coals. The vessel is consigned to the Captain.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	From.
8	Amalthea	Erichson	Newcastle, Aug 7.
9	Bangalore (s)	Aldham	Southampton, Nov 11.
	Corun (s)	Baker	Cutch.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
9	Dahlia (s)	Jay	Aden, Jeddah, and Hoodooda.
	Windermere	Wright	Calcutta.
	Juno (s)	Sturli	Jeddah and Trieste, &c.

The Steamer Zeal, Priest, to Hull, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

The barque Valkyrie, to London, was entered out for loading yesterday.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.
5 Rajpootana (s).....Merby .....Bombay, Nov 13.
Sattara .....Harris .....Liverpo. l, June 2.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.
5 Rajah..... ....
Indian Merchant ... .
Francois Cail ....

MADRAS

ARRIVALS.

Dec.
6 Goa (s) .... Bombay.
Viceroy (s) .... London.

DEPARTURE.

Dec.
6 Hydaspes .... Galle, Aden and Suez.

ADEN.

ARRIVALS.

Nov. 6 Wheatlandside, ship, Sutherland, from Cardiff.
11 Lombardian, barque, Millen, from Sunderland.
12 Khedivey, barque, Hoare, from Cardiff
17 Entrecasteveaux, F G Boat, Conreyobbes from Surbour.
17 Hellespont, ss, Perrium, from Card ff.
18 Sennar, E G boat, Privileggio, from Tadjoura.
19 C N, ship, Nacoda, from Calcutta.
22 Tobe, ss, Lucidi, from Cardiff.
22 Quarta, ss, Flavius, from Shanghai.
24 Assam, ss, Cates, from Southampton.
24 M ng lia, ss, Coleman, from Suez.
24 Khedivey, ss, Watmore, from Mauritius.
24 James Drake, ss, Wilkie, from Jeddah.
24 Semnahord, E ss, Sail, from Massawa.
24 Zenzig, ss, Emin, from Tadjoura.
24 India P T S, De Souza, from Goa
25 Amy Dora, ss, Downie, from Rurrachee.
25 A vy, ss, Flavius, from Shanghai.
26 Hutto ss, Hodges, from Bimlipatam.
27 Nogahilah E, ss, M Vasphei, from Berberra.
27 Commodore, ship, Lyons, from Cardiff.
28 Hoxald Haarf ger, ss Haltb rg, from Bombay.
28 Kheriom, E G boat, Imbrahim Beg, from Zeila.
28 Pekin, ss, Wooler, from Bombay.
28 Med na, ss, Hend rson fr m Z nzibar.
28 Don Spanish, ss Olano, from Liverpool.
28 Duna, ss, Thomson, from J ddah.
28 Aara, ss, Hillcost, from Kurrachee.
28 Panjshir, ss, Hussun, from Bombay.
29 Atha ta, ss, Shaw, from Bombay
29 Milton, ss, Butchart, from Singapore.
29 Mansoura E, ss, Hussun, from Berberra.
30 Guy Mannering, ss, Mann, from Jeddah.

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 24 Entrecasteveaux, F G boat, Conreyobbes, to Saigon.
24 Quarta, ss, Haye, to Portsaid F O.
24 Assim, ss, Cates, to Calcutta.
24 Mongolia, ss, Coleman, to Bombay.
24 James Drake, Wilkie, to Kurrachee.
25 H E the Gover in Council is pleased to make the following appointment :—
Mr T M Colgrave to act as an Asst Collr of the second class in the Salt Dent d rictg t e absence on fu ough of C pt D C Peddier, until further orders.
Mr G B Spring to act as an Asst Collr of the third class, while Mr Colgrave acts as an Asst Collr of the second class, or until further orders.
Mr R Thom to act as an Asst Collr in the fourth class, while Mr Spring acts as an Asst Collr in the third class, or until further orders.
Mr M C Lockie to act as a Proby Asst Collr, While Mr Thom acts as an Asst Collr in the fourth class, or until further orders.
Mr G Druitt, Assistant Collr of Khandesh is allowed subsidiary leave for seven days, in addition to the 15 day' leave granted to him under Govt Order of the 24th ult.
Mr S C K Oliphant, permanent Asst Collr, is allowed subsidiary leave for one day, viz, the 18th Nov 1875 in addition to the 10 days' sub idiary l ave granted to him as per Govt Notification dated 25th Aug last.
During the absence on privilege leave of Mr E Pratt, third class Asst Collr of Salt Revenue, from 2 st June to 19th Sept 1875, the following arrangements are made :—
Mr G B Spring acted as third class Asst Collr of Salt Revenue from 15th to 18th July 1875, both days inclusive
Mr R N Coghlan acted as third class Asst Collr of Salt Revenue from 15th July to 19th Sept 1875, both days inclusive.
Mr T Thom acte d as fourth class Asst Collr of Salt Revenue from 1st June to 19th Sept 1875. both days inclusive.
During Mr Spring's absence on privilege leave Mr M C Lockie acted as fourth cla s Asst Collr of Salt Revenue, viz, from 15th July to 13th Oct 1875.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Asst Surg Shantaram Vinayak Kantak is allowed two years' leave of absence without pay under Sec 5, Supplement F, of the Civil Leave Code Second Edition.
Mr G W Scott, Head Clerk to the Collr of Khandesh, and Mr Hubert G Gell have passed the prescribed examination in Marathi.
Mr A K Oliver has passed the prescribed examination in Persian.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

On the return of Mr Price, Supdt, Kurrachee Harbour Works from furlough, Mr Hart is appointed to act as Ex Engr at the Presidency.
Mr W Clerke and Mr J D Ferguson respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of the Ex Engr for Irrigation, Guzerat, on the forenoon of the 16th Nov 1875.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Rao Sahebs Subajirao Chintaman Chitnis and Narayen Krishna Gokale respectively delivered over and received charge of the Office of the Dep Educatio al Inspr, Ratnagiri Sub-Division, on the 20th ult b fore office hours.
Mr P Peterson is appointed to act as Prof in the Deccan College during the absence of Mr F Shute, on privilege leave.
Mr A L P Larken is appointed to act as a Prof fourth grade, in the Deccan College dur ng the absence of Mr Oxenham, or until furth r orders.
Mr E H Aitken is appointed to act as a Prof fourth grade in the Deccan college during the absence of Dr Kielhorn or until further orders.
Lieut-Col T Waddington, Educational Inspr, Central Div availed himself of the privileg leave f r three months granted to him on he 3rd ultimo, from the 19th inst.
Dr F Kielhorn assumed charge of the office of Educational Inspr, Central Div, on the 15th Nov after office hours.
Rao Bahadur Pattankar and Abajee Vishnu Kathwate respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of the Depy Educational Inspr, Poona Sub-Div, on the 20th ult. bef ore office hours.
Mr Richard Shute, M A, Prof of Logic and Moral Philosophy Deccn College, has been allowed furlough for one year on medical certificate.

NOTIFICATIONS BY THE REVENUE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

In supersession of the Notification at page 1192 of the "Govt Gazette," dated 25th inst, Mr J E Down is allowed privilege leave of absence for one month from such date in the current month as he may avail himself of it.
Mr Ramchandra Bapuji, Huzur Depy Collr, is appointed a Municipal Comr for the Town of Tanna, vice Mr Cowrjee Cawasjee, who has left the station.
Mr Hirachund Mahan Gujarati is appointed a member of the Municipality for the Town of Chandor, in Nassick, vice Mr Sadashiv Tagdeo, deceased.
Mr G B Reid delivered over and Mr A C Boevey received charge of the Office of Supernumerary Asst Collr, Ahmedabad, on the 24th inst, in the afternoon.
Mr Gumkulsa walad Vuchumal, Head Munshi to the Mukhtyarkar of Thul, in the Dist of Upper Sind Frontier, is appointed to be a Mag of the third class, under Section 37 of Act X of 1872.
Khan Saheb Mehesjibhai Kuverji received charge of the second class, Sub Judge's Court at Poona-Bajgaon, in the Poona Dist, on the 4th Oct 1875, before office hours.
Messrs M B Baker and N M W Daniell respectively divered over and received charge of the office of Judge and Sessions Judge of Khandesh on the 1st inst before office hours
Maj W Jacob, H M's 72nd N I received charge of the appointment of Sub Major Burdett and Quartermaster Kinlside, deceased, to his own from 2 to 27th Nov 1875, during Capt Hobson's absence on privilege leave.
Thomas Basnett, Esq, is appointed to be Sheriff of Bombay for the ensuing year, to be computed from the 20th Dec 1875.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr W A East to act as First Asst Collr of Surat during the absence of Mr W R Masters, or until further orders.
Mr C E Lawson to be Supernumerary Asst to the Collr of Kaladi.
Mr H Ingle, Supt of Karwar and Huzur Depy Collr, Kanara, is allowed privilege leave of absence for two months.
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During Mr Spring's absence on privilege leave Mr M C Lockie acted as fourth cla s Asst Collr of Salt Revenue, viz, from 15th July to 13th Oct 1875.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Asst Surg Shantaram Vinayak Kantak is allowed two years' leave of absence without pay under Sec 5, Supplement F, of the Civil Leave Code Second Edition.
Mr G W Scott, Head Clerk to the Collr of Khandesh, and Mr Hubert G Gell have passed the prescribed examination in Marathi.
Mr A K Oliver has passed the prescribed examination in Persian.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

On the return of Mr Price, Supdt, Kurrachee Harbour Works from furlough, Mr Hart is appointed to act as Ex Engr at the Presidency.
Mr W Clerke and Mr J D Ferguson respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of the Ex Engr for Irrigation, Guzerat, on the forenoon of the 16th Nov 1875.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Rao Sahebs Subajirao Chintaman Chitnis and Narayen Krishna Gokale respectively delivered over and received charge of the Office of the Dep Educatio al Inspr, Ratnagiri Sub-Division, on the 20th ult b fore office hours.
Mr P Peterson is appointed to act as Prof in the Deccan College during the absence of Mr F Shute, or until further orders

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE PRINCE IN COLOMBO.

COLOMBO, 8TH DEC.

This forenoon the Prince visited the Cocoanut Oil Manufactory of Messrs. Leechman, inspecting the processes from plucking the nuts off the palm to casking the oil. The Prince was much interested in the healthy and happy appearance of the Tamil labourers. The coir fibre manufacture was also inspected and the exposition products of coco palm.

The Prince next visited Mr. Wall's Coffee Store, inspecting all the processes of drying and preparing the coffee for shipment.

These visits involved seven miles driving in the city chiefly through the native town. All the streets were decorated profusely and crowded by orderly and enthusiastic people.

The Sunday school children of the Singalese, Tamil, Eurasian and European schools sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

This afternoon in the presence of a large concourse the Prince laid the foundation stone of Colombo Breakwater which will cost three quarters of a million sterling. The Governor introduced the proceedings and Chief Engineer Kyle explained the plan, showing the importance of the work to Eastern trade. The largest steamers of the P. and O. will be able to be alongside when finished.

The Prince replied that it had given him great pleasure in accordance with the request of the people of Ceylon to lay the foundation stone of this Breakwater. He felt convinced of the great utility of the work and was glad that his visit to Ceylon on this occasion enables him to be connected with laying the foundation stone of so necessary a work.

The Prince handled a specially prepared trowel and mallet, and pronounced the stone to be duly laid.

There was a grand display of Brock's fireworks on the Esplanade in the evening and a general illumination.

The Prince embarks at 10 P.M. in the Serapis for Tuticorin. The special correspondents preceded in the Colonial steamer Nagotna.

The Prince and visitors were delighted with Ceylon. The arrangements were a great success.

ARRIVAL OF THE VICEROY AT CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA, 9TH DEC.

The Viceroy and suite arrived at 8 40 A.M. to-day.

THE RANGOON PLOT.

RANGOON, 8TH DEC.

In connection with the recent plot thirty two other prisoners are now under examination before the Magistrate.

NEW INVESTITURES.

LONDON, 8TH DEC.

The Queen has been pleased to make the following investitures:—

Generals John Garvock, N. B. Chamberlain and A. H Horsford to be G. C. B's. Generals S. A. Holdich, E. B. Johnson, George Cadogan and Francis Seymour to be K. C. B's, and the Hon. B. H Ellis to be K. C. S. I.

The Princess of Wales has returned to Windsor Castle.

PRESIDENT GRANT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, 8TH DEC.

The message from President Grant to the Congress disapproves the recognition of belligerent rights of the insurgents in Cuba for the present; but if the pacification of the island is not soon accomplished, the President will propose some necessary measures during the present Session of Congress. The Message recommends resumption of specie payments in 1879; free secular education and taxation of Church properties.

DEATH OF THE AMERICAN MINISTER AT PEKIN.

PENANG, 3RD DEC.

Mr. B. P. Avery, the American Minister Plenipotentiary, died at Pekin on the 8th ult.

LATEST FROM PERAK.

A body of 400 Malays have attempted to escape down the river; they were prevented by the blockade and retreated. The remainder of the Buffs, Goorkhas and Artillery have arrived. Major General Colborne will commence active operations immediately; the Forces are in position. The troops via Larcot are expected at Qualla Kangsa to-morrow.

THE MAILS.

LONDON, 8TH DEC.

The Bombay heavy Mails of the 8th ultimo arrived at Southampton to-day.

LONDON, 8TH DEC.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm. Sureties firm.

The London Cotton Market has been steady.

Fair Dhollera	4 11/16.
3 per cent. Consols Account	93¾
5 per cent. Bench Rents, 1872	104
Bar Silver	56⅝
Arrivals.—Indus and Phrenologist.	

THE *Athenæum* states that the distinction of C. S. I. is to be conferred on Dr. George Birdwood.

A CONVOCATION of the Calcutta University will be held on the 30th instant when the Viceroy, as Chancellor, will confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law upon the Prince of Wales.

A TELEGRAM to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, Nov. 19, states that Colonel Gluchowski's Russian caravan, which recently started from Krasnovodsk, has been surprised and plundered near Kisimkum by the Tekke Turcomans.

A SPECIAL train conveying Messrs. Molesworth, Collet, and other officials, went over the Nusseerabad branch of the Rajpootana State Railway, to within a few hundred yards of Nusseerabad station last week, and it is expected the *Englishman* says, that the line will be open for traffic in a few days.

THE statement in yesterday's *Times of India* that the balance of the fund raised for the reception of the Prince of Wales will be set aside till the return of His Royal Highness to Bombay is quite incorrect. The Reception Committee has not held any meeting yet to consider what should be done with the money.

MR. CHARLES MATHEWS arrived in Bombay yesterday by the mail steamer. He is staying at Watson's Hotel. There is no probability, we hear, that Mr. Mathews will act in Bombay, as we understand that he proceeds to Calcutta with the least possible delay, but we may hope to see him on the Bombay boards before he leaves India.

A TELEGRAM in the English papers of Nov. 16 states that a battle has been fought between the Turks and the insurgents near Gatschko, in which the Turkish troops were defeated with the loss of 800 killed and 600 wounded. Their camp was also captured by the enemy. The fighting continued all through last Thursday and Friday. The insurgents had heavy losses, and were too exhausted to follow up their victory by pursuing the Turks.

A BOTTLE has been picked up on the beach at Eyemouth containing a statement written in pencil, dated August 6, that the Rover, which left Calcutta on the 1st of July, was burnt at sea on the 5th of August. The crew, eight in number, took to the boats, which swamped, and three lives were lost. The paper is signed by J. Druma, Peter Kelloe, Thomas Patterson, William Obielson, and George Craig, who bade a farewell to all friends.

ON Sunday morning about 9 A. M., the s. s. Ethiopia arrived at Madras from the northern ports bringing the Maharaja of Jeypore and his followers. Shortly after, the Deputy Master Attendant, Mr. J. B. Crowther and Mr. Narasinga Row, proceeded on board the steamer and returned with His Highness to the pier, where he was received by the Governor's Secretaries. His Highness then entered the State pier carriage, and on alighting was driven to Teynampett in one of the Governor's carriages, which was in waiting, escorted by the Body Guard.

THE following official communication has been published in the London papers:—

Cairo, Nov. 15.

The Minister of Finance yesterday submitted to the Council of Ministers assembled under the presidency of the Khedive the balance-sheet of the receipts and expenditure during the Egyptian year extending from September, 1874, to September, 1875.

The Council, after examining the accounts, approved them.

The balance-sheet gives the following results: expenses of the administration, £4 269 320; service of the loans, £5 036 675; interest on the floating debt, £1,490,389; total, £10,796,386. Revenue, £10,812,787.

RUSSIAN finance is likely soon, says *Vanity Fair*, to become the principal difficulty of the Russian Cabinet. The lenders of money have begun to remark that Russia also lives by loans alone, and, what is more important, that those loans are employed exclusively upon unremunerative expenditure for armies and equipment. Moreover, it has also occurred to them that a Government which has not hesitated to repudiate a solemn treaty for no other reason than that it chose, may also at any time, if it chooses, repudiate its loans. When, therefore, the next Russian loan is launched there may possibly not be any tremendous eagerness to take it up.

MR. BAXTER, M. P., speaking at Montrose lately, made a very grave charge against certain societies which labour in the East. While warmly advocating the Turkish Missions Society, the hon. gentleman said he felt it to be his duty to put the public on their guard "against certain individuals who had got considerable sums from the friends of missions, but whose character and antecedents would not bear investigation." Gentlemen in the East "had expressed to him the greatest possible surprise that British Christians should subscribe to objects without any guarantee that their money would be properly expended."

THE *Imperial Gazette* of St. Petersburg, Nov. 16, in its official column publishes an article demonstrating the groundlessness of the apprehensions expressed by the foreign press respecting the Eastern Question. The article says:—

The fears entertained with regard to the insurrection in Herzegovina are not justified either by the political situation in Europe or by the state of things specially existing in the Balkan Peninsula. Never was Europe in a more favourable position for bringing about a peaceful settlement of the question and averting a disturbance of the peace. The three Northern Powers, with the assistance of the other Governments, are endeavouring to find a peaceful issue to the existing difficulties. No one can desire to disturb the peace or to oppose the efforts of all sides to obtain it. It may, therefore, be positively affirmed that the joint endeavours of the three Northern Powers, with the support of the other Cabinets will succeed in obtaining a result corresponding with their pacific sentiment, and in establishing by mutual confidence a state of peace in Europe which it will be impossible to disturb.

A SHOCKING case of mutiny and murder at sea is reported. A bottle was picked up on the 8th Nov., off the coast of Nieul, from the ship Lennie, of Yarmouth, Captain Haifield, which contained a paper on which was written in English, "Send assistance and police, the crew having killed the master, mate, and boatswain. We left Antwerp for New York on the 23rd of October, and the mutiny occurred on the 31st." The Lennie was at that time not far from the island of Oleron, and a French vessel was at once sent in search of her, discovered the vessel, and found a boy and five men on board, four of them being supposed to be accomplices. Six of the crew (Greeks) had escaped in a boat the previous evening. The vessel was towed into Rochefort on the 14th Nov., where it remains. The British Government has demanded the extradition of all the sailors inculpated in the murder, and it is believed that they will be sent to England. The names of the officers murdered by the mutineers are Captain Hatfield, Mr. Wortley, the mate, and Mr. Donald, the boatswain.

THE Calcutta correspondent of the *Pioneer* writes as follows about the death of Captain Hanter:—"Calcutta was horrified on Saturday morning by the news that Captain Hunter, of the Guide Corps, and the recently appointed extra Aide-de-Camp to the Viceroy, had committed suicide. The unfortunate officer was dining with some friends the previous night at one of the clubs, and seemed at that time in the best of spirits. He was discovered quite dead by the servant who went into his room the next morning at the Great Eastern Hotel. He had shot himself with an express rifle through the head. No adequate cause can be assigned for this rash step. Captain Hunter accompanied the Yarkand envoy to Constantinople two years ago, and had only recently returned from England. There is little doubt the act could not have been a premeditated one. Independently of his habitual good spirits, he had also purchased a horse at the previous day's sale, a fact which seems inconsistent with the idea that he contemplated suicide. A coroner's jury sat on the body, but I have not heard the verdict. The remains were interred in the military burial ground at Alipore, with the usual military honours."

Vanity Fair:—It is no secret that the Cabinet is prepared for the necessity to arise next spring of sending a British force abroad. It may, therefore, perhaps be as well to look into the state of our Army, and see how many men we could dispose of for such a purpose. Including the Guards, but excluding the brigade depots, there are about 60,000 infantry on paper. To these in case of war, may be added some 8,000 first class army reserve. The following deductions must, however, be made:—First, men wanting to complete; secondly, men in hospital, in prison, or absent without relief; thirdly, men medically unfit for active service; fourthly, recruits and men who from their youth could not endure the fatigues of a campaign; fifthly, men of the first class army reserve failing to respond to the summons. These deductions made, about 40,000 infantry of all ranks would remain. To these, if we include the Life Guards and Blues about 8,000 mounted cavalry may be added. Thus, with a due proportion of artillery, engineers, transport, and army service corps, we might by a great effort, and exhausting all our resources, send 55,000 men abroad; but months would elapse before we would be able to send any additional troops out to replace casualties. Is this a satisfactory state of things?

HIS HIGHNESS Sree Padmanhabha Dausa Vanchee Bania Rama Varma Kulashekara Kireethapathi Munney Sultan Maharajah Rajah Ramarajah Bahadoor Shumsheer Jung G. C. S. I., Maharajah of Travancore, arrived at Madras by special train at a quarter to seven o'clock on Monday morning. A guard of honour, consisting of 50 rank and file, from the 13th Regiment M. N. I., with regimental color and band, paraded at the Central Station and received His Highness. A large number of native and a few European gentlemen were assembled on the platform and welcomed His Highness. The Maharajah has taken up his residence at the Albany, Nungumbaukum, where a jemadar's guard of honour is to do duty daily during His Highness' stay. A salute of 19 guns was fired from the Fort Battery to announce the arrival of His Highness. His Highness paid a durbar visit to the Most Noble the Governor at half past three o'clock in the evening. On his arrival at Government House, a salute of 19 guns was fired; a guard of honour from the 37th Grenadiers, consisting of 50 rank and file with colors and band, which had arrived at Government house a quarter-past three o'clock, paraded there till the Rajah took his departure, which was announced by the firing of another salute of the same number of guns at 10 minutes to four o'clock.

SOME excellent persons at Calcutta were rather shocked the other day by a suggestion in the columns of the *Indian Daily News* to the effect that Lord Clive had as much to do with the origin of the annual celebration of Doorga in the style in which it is kept up in Calcutta, as the goddess herself. It would nevertheless seem to be the simple fact that a good deal of the religious display of the country is got up under rather modern inspiration, and that some of it is of a rather questionable kind. We learn, says the *Daily News*, that on the *bhasan* day, at Serampore, representations of all kinds were paraded up and down the strand, before being flung into the river, and that amongst the other representations was one containing a Baboo, surrounded by various attendants. Amongst these was to be seen the effigy of an English lady dressed in muslin, and fairly well executed. The process by which any representation of this sort could be regarded as religious in any sense is deserving of study. That some Bengalee Baboos would like to be waited on by English ladies is at least conceivable, there being practically no limit to native ambitions. Mythology has in all ages shaped itself out of human imagination. But the notion of a new sort of mythology being manufactured at the present day—and at Serampore of all places in the world—out of such unpromising materials as Bengalee Baboos and English ladies in muslin dresses, is novel enough to arrest the attention for a few moments.

THE following extract from a letter of the special correspondent of the *Times* with the Prince of Wales, dated October 26, gives the first hint of direct financial help being asked for by Egypt:—

There is a great deal of uneasiness and some stronger feeling at Cairo and Alexandria, I learned from those I spoke to, lest Egypt should be treated as a mere dependency of Turkey in case of the Sick Man's immediate dissolution. The idea that Egypt is, or is likely to be, insolvent was strenuously repudiated; but it was admitted that the depreciation of her securities, and the embarrassments caused by the Turkish collapse, were very mischievous. So confident is the Viceroy of the soundness of his finances that he applied to the British Government to send out an able and experienced financier of the highest standing, and an assistant to examine the accounts of the Viceroyalty and the system of finance, and to report on their condition. There can be no doubt that the Viceroy declared his intention to apply to Lord Derby for help to Sir H. Frere, and when the application is acceded to we shall be in a position to know the truth about Egypt. It is not likely that the stories which have been put in circulation respecting the hopeless condition of Egyptian affairs can be true if the Viceroy challenges such an investigation, and it was said at Cairo that they could be traced to interested speculation. There is no reason to suppose the Egyptians would pay their eyes out if the Turk were to die; but they fear very much that in the squabble over his grave for what he has left they would be "appropriated." They know well we do not desire to camber ourselves with the direct charge of Egypt, but they are also perfectly assured that we would have to do so if any other Power made any attempt to take it; and just as Great Britain in times past threw its whole influence against her, Egypt hopes for an exhibition of a totally different policy, now that it is plain the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire in Europe is imminent. The Egyptians do not desire the Sick Man's death—in fact, it would suit them much better if he became moderately convalescent, and they would not be at all averse to see a sort of international commission established to regulate the finances of the empire, and give a longer term of life to the Sultan, under proper restraints and guarantees.

COUNT ARNIM has addressed the following letter to the *Times*:—

The *Times* of the 11th of November contained an article giving an account of a recent publication issued at Zurich some days ago. Wishing to rectify immediately some important errors which I meet in the aforesaid article, I cannot wait for the author's having read himself the brochure he talks about. In consequence, I beg to state in the most solemn way—I never remember to have been called to the Paris Embassy but I any conversation with her Majesty the Empress on matters either religious or political. Never has her Majesty given me the order to address her any letter or other communication. I never wrote to her; she never condescended to write to me. I never had any opportunity of giving her Majesty any information, directly or indirectly. There has not been the slightest exchange of ideas about any question which could possibly be the subject of any conversation whatever, public or in private audience. I am perfectly ignorant of the facts, real or imaginary, from which Prince Bismarck may have drawn the conviction which made him say what he said to me about this subject. 2. I never forwarded to his Majesty the Emperor and King, my august master, any report, letter, or information by any other channel than the Foreign Office. The illegal influence contrary to the Constitution of the Empire and obnoxious to its interests which the Chancellor complains of in his dispatch of the 19th of June, 1873, has never been. Never have I opposed knowingly the politics of the Chancellor. Those who tried and try still in Berlin to spread the calumnies which I contradict here in the most formal way are perhaps unconscious of their all but criminality. They do not shrink from putting my name together with the name of her Majesty, and in order to accuse me they insult her. In accusing me of exercising an influence contrary to the constitution and the welfare of the empire they have the audacity to outrage the dignity of the sovereign, whose consent was necessary when I really would have had that influence about which the Chancellor complains. His Imperial Majesty may disdain in his wisdom to notice these rash and reckless assertions. Perhaps even the organ of the Sovereign ought to be sufficient to shelter his subject. But if I were to let them pass in silence they would be transformed into legends never to be questioned hereafter, and I should be open to the reproach of having gloried myself by an intimacy which never existed, and by an influence which I never had, and never wished to acquire.

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A CORRESPONDENT of the *Englishman* writes from Penang that the force sent from Calcutta will most likely march into the interior, striking the Perak river about half-way between its mouth and the sea. From a consultation of the Military Department memorandum this seems likely enough, the *Pioneer* says. The mouth of the river is bloosaded by the *Fly* and the *Thistle*; and at the Residency, or somewhere on this side of it, are Major-General Colborne's troops, and the 1-10th who came from Penang and Singapore. If the Buffs go to Larut, to the north of Perak, where we have another Residency, they will be able to march for about thirteen miles by road from the landing place on the Larut river, to a place called Bukit Gantang, the residence of Aga Ibrahim, the Mantri of Larut. A road has been begun from Bukit Gantang eastward to Qualiah Kangsa, on the upper Perak river, a distance of twenty seven miles; and this will no doubt be the route chosen. Qualiah Kangsa is on the Perak river; and between it and our Residency, Bander Bahru, the Malays are supposed to be making further preparations to withstand us. The troops should have landed by the 27th of November, and no doubt we shall soon hear that they have started up-country. They will most likely have some hard work cutting through the jungle. In 1832, when a military road had to be opened, a way through the forest was cleared, 70 to 100 feet across. The low undergrowth was burnt, the brushwood and branches of trees fastened back on either side by strong pites, and layers of gravel thrown over the whole. Marshes were so many, that guns and provision carts could hardly be carried along. In the Nanning expedition of the next year, the troops were ten weeks getting over twelve miles.

THE casket to contain the address from the city of Madras to the Prince of Wales is described by the *Madras Mail* as a chaste and effective combination of ivory and gold measuring 18 in by 7 by 5. At each corner of a slab of ivory 20 by 9 by 1, is a gold tiger couchant, supporting the casket, which is also of ivory overlaid with a rich net-work of embossed gold work. The front bears the inscription "Presented to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales by the people of Madras, 1875" in raised letters of gold. Immediately surrounded this is a troop of dancing-girls and musicians illustrating a scene in the life of Kristna, the popular Hindoo deity. This same "swami" is also illustrated in a kind of swing with one of his favourite ladies; and in another representation, he is shown lifting the mountain Govardhana to shield his followers from the wrath of one of his brother deities. Another prominent feature brought out in this gold work is "Mahadeva" with the Ganges flowing from the crown tuft of his hair, which his adherents assert is the source of the sacred river. Other deities also appear, including Siva, Vishnoo, and Brahma, the three heads of the Hindoo pantheon,—together with the goddess Kali, the heroine of the Ayuda Poojah festival. On the reverse side, appears a fine specimen of native scroll work, representing a variety of imaginary characters commonly used in the decoration of Hindoo temples and palaces, in the centre of which are the crest and motto of the Prince of Wales. On the summit of the casket, standing on a massive rockwork of beaten gold, is a fine model of a tiger in gold measuring 8 inches in length. The value of the gold used in the manufacture of the casket is Rs. 3 500 and of the ivory Rs. 500. The total cost of this magnificent present—which, we may remind our readers was designed by Captain Kenny-Herbert—is Rs. 5,000.

ALLUDING to the health of the Coimbatore District and the abandonment of the Annamallay expedition, the *Madras Mail* says:—"In the week ended the 29th ultimo, 1,495 persons were attacked with cholera, and 951 deaths resulted,—nearly double the number in any one of the immediately preceding weeks. From the 1st to the 28th November 2 683 deaths from cholera occurred; and from the commencement of the outbreak of the malady, there have been 9,966 attacks and 6,159 deaths! So long as no man of note is struck down, the dismal record of deaths is comparatively unnoticed. The deaths are 75 per cent. of the attacks, and the disease is characterised by the medical authorities as the most severe type hitherto experienced. Every inhabited place on the Annamallays has suffered more or less from the disease; four deaths are reported to have occurred in the open spot on which tents had been newly pitched; and one suspicious case was even seen at the Camp for the Prince of Wales on the summit of the Hills. It is now five months since the disease, imported from Ceylon, made its appearance in the Coimbatore District, and so far from showing any sign of abatement, it has—notwithstanding favorable rains and a cool temperature—increased of late in virulence. These are facts which ought to be pondered over by that portion of the public that has been led to think that the Prince was deterred from the Annamallay and Neilgherry expedition by a very trifling cause. The greater part of this Presidency is just now in an abnormally unhealthy condition, and the circumstance that the knowledge of that fact has deterred the Heir-Apparent from visiting the Districts infected with the widely prevalent malady, is a matter rather for congratulation than for regret."

WE are happy, says the *Daily Telegraph* of November 19, to make it known that the appeal addressed by King Mtesa of Uganda to the people of this nation, and conveyed to them in Mr. Stanley's letter, has already met with a worthy response. It will be remembered that this African Ruler, who governs with absolute authority one of the fairest and largest realms of Equatorial Africa, begged the Commissioner of *The Daily Telegraph* and *New York Herald* to invite from England, in the Royal name, those who would come to instruct him and his people in religious and moral truth, and help them to develop and civilize their country. The King pledged himself to receive any such visitors with the warmest welcome, and to support their efforts in every way. Mr. Stanley estimated at five thousand pounds sterling the cost of a mission, the right programme and purposes of which he took great pains to define. We ourselves, in commenting upon this remarkable appeal, challenged the attention of the Missionary Societies to an opportunity which all African authorities would agree in regarding as unexampled. We have now the satisfaction of announcing that a generous donor—whose name for the present at least must not be told—has placed the sum of ten thousand pounds at the disposal of the Church Missionary Society, in order to answer the invitation of King Mtesa, and to carry out this great and promising experiment of establishing a Christian centre of civilisation in the heart of the Dark Continent. The Society in question has always shown an enlightened appreciation of the best way to spread the Gospel—namely, by uniting Evangelical labours with the arts of industry and commerce, and thus wisely blending moral with social regeneration. No religious body could be better trusted, therefore, to make a good use of the munificent fund now offered—a fund which, large as it is, will no doubt be soon augmented through the great interest which the movement so important as this cannot fail to excite. The Committee of the Church Missionary Society is summoned to a special meeting on Tuesday 1 Nov. 23 for the purpose of discussing the preliminaries of the undertaking; and as no doubt need be entertained that the Society will cordially accept this high task, so we are quite sure that its plans and proceedings, if judiciously framed, will be watched with universal sympathy and aided on all sides by a public support which will be strong enough to set aside every minor obstacle. This step, wisely taken, may prove the beginning of Africa's real emancipation.

THE *Englishman* gives the following outline of the life of the late Munzinger Pasha:—"His career was a romantic one. Born about forty five years ago in the canton of Solothurn in Switzerland, he went to Egypt at an early age, and after studying Arabic, was sent as agent of a mercantile house to Massowa. Business grew slack after a while; his health failed, and he visited the hilly country of Bogos for change of scene. He took up his quarters at the farm of a wealthy widow; prostrated alike by poverty and sickness, he received the most careful tendance, and in his gratitude made his hostess an offer of his hand. The offer was accepted; and it is to the honour of Munzinger that, notwithstanding the remonstrances of his friends, who feared that such an alliance would incapacitate him from afterwards residing in Europe, he faithfully carried out his promise in the little Roman Catholic Chapel at Massowa. The next few years were spent in constantly journeying between the coast and the countries to the north and west of Abyssinia, and the result of his researches into the customs and languages of hitherto unknown tribes may be seen in his *Ost Afrikanische Studien*, which he published about twelve years ago. At the opening of the Abyssinian imbroglio, he was established as French Consular Agent at Massowa, and he was subsequently appointed to a similar post in the British service. It is unnecessary to recapitulate Munzinger's invaluable services during the Abyssinian expedition. They were rewarded by an honorary Companionship of the Bath; and the Royal Geographical Society about the same time elected him by acclamation a corresponding fellow, in recognition of his contributions to science. His great object of ambition was to enter the political service of the Indian Government, but circumstances prevented this desire from being gratified, and when the British Consulate at Massowa was disestablished, he was left without employment until the transfer of Massowa and Suakin to the Khedive enabled that sagacious ruler to utilize his services. He was appointed Governor of these two ports and the intervening coast in 1872, and when, in consequence of a disagreement with the French authorities, he was removed from that post, he received the higher appointment of Governor of the Sudan, with the rank of Pasha. During his administration, every effort was made to develop the capabilities of that little-known province. He was the first to perceive the advantages of the harbour of Port Mornington as the outlet for the produce of the rich cotton country of Tokar; and the extension of telegraphic communication throughout the Sudan is due to his indefatigable energy.

BOMBAY.

A FAIR.—A fair will be held this evening at Bapoo Khote Street.

THE BAND STAND.—The 2nd Queen's Band will play to-day at 5-30 P. M. at the Band Stand.

SEAMAN DESERTER.—Inspector Killen received a reward of Rs. 10 yesterday for arresting and placing on board a seaman, a deserter from the British ship Dahlia.

EVADING THE BOAT LICENSE.—A boatman, named Soorkea Abdools, was yesterday fined Rs. 5 by the Senior Magistrate, for plying his boat in the harbour for hire, without obtaining a license from the Master Attendant.

A BREACH OF BUGGY RULES.—A hack buggy driver, named Chooma Gorseeps, was yesterday fined Rs. 5 by Mr. C. P. Cooper, at the Fort Police Court, for loitering, by plying his public conveyance for hire at a place not appropriated by the Commissioner of Police for that purpose.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.—His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize all public offices being closed from the 24th instant to the 2nd January 1876, both days inclusive. Heads of offices will arrange for the despatch of any emergent business that may occur during the vacation.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.—A Mahomedan, named Shaik Cassum Shaik Raymon, was yesterday fined Rs. 4 by Mr. Nana Morojee on being adjudged guilty of cruelly torturing his horse in a public place at Girgaum.—Appa Ramjee, a cart driver, was also fined Rs. 3 by the same Magistrate for a similar charge.

ASSAULT.—A shopkeeper, named Babajee Ebraim, was yesterday fined Rs. 10 by Mr. Nana Morojee, at the Girgaum Police Court, on being adjudged guilty of assaulting one Essub Mohideen on the day previous. The defendant was also bound over in the sum of Rs. 25 to keep the peace towards the complainant.

DEFAULTERS.—Two seamen, named John Redmond and John Hayes, were charged yesterday before Mr. C. P. Cooper, at the Fort Police Court, with being drunk and disorderly in a public place on the day previous. They were adjudged guilty and fined Rs. 5 each, with the alternative of one week's hard labour in the House of Correction.

MORTUARY RETURNS.—The total number of deaths registered during the week ending Tuesday, 7th December, was 370, being 15 more than in the preceding week, 39 more than the total of the week ending 8th December 1874, and 46 more than the mean of the corresponding period in the preceding five years. During the week 276 births were reported in the different districts of the city.

A REFRACTORY SEAMAN.—John O'Hara, a seaman of the British ship Tartar, was yesterday charged at the Fort Police Court, before the Senior Magistrate, with wilful disobedience in refusing to do duty on board that ship. The defendant pleaded ill health. His Worship ordered that he should be examined by the Police Surgeon regarding the state of his health and adjourned the hearing of the case to this day.

STATEMENT OF SILVER BALANCE IN THE MINT.—The value of silver in the Mint on the morning of the 29th November 1875, was Rs. 54,74,036; add silver received during the week Rs. 4,88,846. Rs. 8,52,016 in new coin were paid during the week; the balance left was Rs. 51,10,866. There is in addition 2,23,000 rupees worth of silver bullion belonging to private individuals deposited in the Mint vaults and awaiting assay.

FIRE.—A fire broke out yesterday morning at Soopareebaugh in a jowle but belonging to one Takoor Mooneram. The hut was burnt down to the ground in a very short time, and a bullock that was in the hut was burnt to death. The fire is said to have originated from a naked oil lamp having been accidentally knocked down amongst some dry grass that was kept as fodder for the bullock. The damage is estimated at Rs. 75.—Another fire broke out on Wednesday in the house of one Ramjee Bomsh. On an alarm being raised, prompt assistance was given and the fire was speedily extinguished, causing but nominal damage.

THEFT BY A DOMESTIC SERVANT.—A Mahomedan named Sulimanjee Adibhoy, residing at Nagdavie street, reported to the police that he left his house about 11 A. M. on Wednesday, and on returning at 5 P. M. the same day, he found that his servant named Abdool Hoosein had absconded with two currency notes for Rs. 1,000 each, one for Rs. 500, and Rs. 400 in cash, also a gold neck ornament valued Rs. 350, and sundry other articles. He at once informed the police, and gave the following description of the servant:—A Borah by caste, an inhabitant of Indore or thereabouts, tall and thin, slightly pockmarked about the face, wearing a long black beard, always in the habit of wearing a cap and not the usual Borah's puggree. The man is believed to be concealing himself in Bombay, and a search is being instituted by the Police. Yesterday the complainant appeared before Mr. C. P. Cooper at the Fort Police Court, and obtained a warrant for the arrest of his servant, charging him with theft of the above-mentioned property.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS.

THE petitions of the several persons hereunder named and described have been presented to the Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, Bombay, praying respectively for the benefit of the Act made and passed in the Eleventh Year of Victoria, Chapter XXI:—

Thucker Canjee Dwarka, servant in the employ of one Jairam Luckmidas.

Rahimtoolla Adum, contractor.
Abdoo Backer Adum, contractor.
Dawdsee Hoosenbhoy, merchant.
Hormusjee Eduljee Setna, formerly an English writer, now unemployed.
Orah Hyderally Abdool Rahim, general merchant.
Govind Jairam Dessai, goldsmith.
Gasper Antonio Sarrow and Jacinto Antonio Sarrow, cultivators.
Justiniano Faligardo Couto, formerly a proprietor of "Portuguese and English Press," now unemployed.
Abjee Dossa Vejoon, dealers in leather.
William Arthur Hurst, broker.
Fortunato Jose Vaz de Azevedo, formerly a mechanic, at present unemployed.
Framjee Nowrjee Powwalla, English writer.
Dadabhoy Hullooram Jeejeebhoy, formerly carried on business in partnership with Sorabjee Curseejee Mahun and Ruttonjee Edulje Mamajeeana, under the name, style and firm of Sorabjee Curseejee and Company, as a contractor; latterly a bill collector; and at present unemployed.
Hurson Henry Gambley, ship broker.
Baut Vassonjee Harriarson, boarding-housekeeper.
Rustomjee Muncherjee Dalal, general broker.
Damodhur Govind, copper smith.
Ameena, woman, unemployed.
Bomanjee Muncherjee, English writer.
Dossabhoy Dorabjee Lalkaka, unemployed.
Shaik Jumnadas Shaikdass, mehta in the employ of Messrs. Nursey Kessowjee and Company.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Bad breasts, sore breasts, ulcers, fistulas, and sores of all kinds may be effectually healed by the application of this Ointment to the part affected, after they have been duly fomented with warm water. The discharge should not be checked at once, but with advantage, for any sudden check must of course be always dangerous. Nature is the noblest of physicians, and must not be thwarted at once. Before any fresh line of treatment is adopted, the vitality of the constitution should not be allowed to sink until the wounds assume a healthier character. Under the action of this powerful Ointment, aided by the Pills, the depraved humours of the body will be quickly removed.

THE CHARGE OF CULPABLE HOMICIDE AGAINST A EUROPEAN.

THIS case was resumed yesterday at the Fort Police Court, before the Senior Magistrate, Mr. C. P. Cooper, in which Thomas Salmon, the cook of the P. and O. steamship Thibet, stands charged with culpable homicide, not amounting to murder, by causing the death of one John McTaggart, a seaman of the same ship. Mr. Hore, of Messrs. Rimington, Hore, and Langley, appeared for the defence.

The evidence of Dr. Smith was taken, which went to show that the death of the deceased McTaggart was caused by fracture of the skull, which could have been caused by a fall from a ship's side on to a boat lying alongside. This closed the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Hore, in behalf of the defendant, addressed His Worship asking him to discharge his client, as the prosecution had not made out a case which would warrant the Magistrate to commit him to the sessions for trial before a judge and jury. His client had already been acquitted by a Coroner's jury, who had brought in a verdict of accidental death. (The verdict of the Coroner's jury was here read to the Court.) Mr. Hore said he was informed that the information laid by the complainant was laid against his own wish. If the defendant was in any way in fault he had already been amply punished by being kept in imprisonment since the 24th ultimo.

The Magistrate said he would read over the depositions again and deliver his decision in the matter at 11 o'clock this day.

SEASON REPORTS.

THE following season reports for the week ending 1st instant are published for general information:—

Kurrachee.—Heavy rain since Saturday at Hab and Mugger Peer, probably general; will injure kharif crops already ripened and harvested, but will benefit rabi and perhaps increase area of rabi sowings. Three cases of cholera in Keti Bunder reported on 27th, are probably malarious fever of virulent type as at Rohri, one case fatal.

Shikarpur.—Rain 80; fall on 29th and 30th general. Cattle-disease and fever continue.

Hyderabad.—Slight rain since 27th, weather threatens more, which will affect yield of cotton.

Upper Sind Frontier.—Rain 51 cents, most favourable to rabi crops. Kharif as before. Fever prevalent.

Ahmedabad.—No change.

Kaira.—Rabi crops well. 33 cholera cases in two talukas, deaths 17.

Surat.—Rabi crops good. 9 cholera cases in Walod taluka, deaths 4.

Broach.—Several deaths from fever in Broach. No other change.

Khandesh.—Rabi crops as before. Best cotton rupees 46 to 48 per pula. Cattle-disease in Shahada taluka.

Nasik.—Kharif reaping in progress. Rain required for rabi crops which are middling. Slight cholera in one village in Sinnar taluka.

Tanna.—Kharif sowing completed in 3 talukas and nearly so in rest of the district. Rabi sowing progressing. Cholera very slightly prevailing in four villages of Bhiwandi taluka.

Poona.—Condition of crops same as before.

Ahmednagar.—Rain wanted for rabi crops. Cholera cases 14, deaths 9.

Sholapur.—Health good.

Satara.—Kharif harvest continues. Rabi crops suffer for want of rain.

Belgaum.—Reaping of kharif progressing. Rabi and cotton crops well. Cholera disappearing.

Dharwar.—Harvest of early crops progressing; late crops good. Cotton suffering from blight in three talukas. Cholera subsiding. Fever in all talukas except Navalgund.

Canara.—Harvest nearly completed above Ghat. Ploughing for second crop commenced on coast. 8 cholera cases.

Kaladgi.—Average outturn of kharif will be a little over one-half of the full crop. Rabi and cotton crops promise a fair out-turn except at Muddebihal. 61 deaths from cholera.

Rajkot.—Cholera still prevalent in villages about Rajkot, Manikwara and Upleta.

Wadhwan.—Crops good. Cholera prevalent; cases 142, deaths 75.

Baroda.—Bajri and paddy crops reaped. Cotton prospects very fair.

Kolaba.—(Report for the week ending 29th ultimo.) Sowing of rabi crops completed. Public health good.

Ratnagiri.—(Report for the week ending 23rd ultimo.) Reaping of late crops

Servia are already independent in all but the name. Herzegovina and Bosnia will never be at peace until they shall be placed in much the same position. But we reach the real difficulty, and the best hope of peace, when we ask how Austria and Russia could divide between them the Protectorates of these States. It is incredible that Count Andrassy could entertain any proposal to make Russia the real Sovereign either of Servia or Bulgaria. A State like Austria cannot afford to be hemmed into the South as well as to the North by a great military Power. If she risked her existence in a war with Prussia for the sake of maintaining her position in Germany, she will be still more determined to keep open a southward way of expansion. The Emperor Nicholas thought that he could afford to disdain the hostility of Austria, and, in fact, to disregard the wishes of every State save England; but his successor must reckon both with Vienna and Berlin. Even if he were eager to profit by the present opportunity, he could not begin without the consent of Germany, which at this moment holds the casting vote. But Germany may have such purposes as would gain by delay—purposes half-confessed, perhaps, or existing rather as instincts than as settled designs yet none the less powerful. Her interests would, in truth, be better served by waiting and the maintenance of the alliance between the three Empires. As for Austria and Russia, they must seek to maintain that alliance for the simple reason that they will not risk a collision until they are forced. They may agree, it is true, to go some way in common, and that is the real danger. If the Porte should be unable to put down the insurrection, the armed occupation of the disturbed Provinces by Austrian troops might become a necessity. The two Governments might thus gradually deal with several of the difficulties which make up the Eastern Question, and, if they begin to occupy any part of Turkey, they may find it as hopeless to stop as England and France did more than twenty years ago when they came to her aid with menaces and then with fleets. Austria and Russia may no longer be masters of their own policy if they should pass beyond remonstrance. The danger lies in a chapter of accidents which threatens to be peculiarly rich. All the comfort we can give ourselves is that the strongest considerations of prudence urge both of them to keep the peace if they can. Meanwhile, we can afford to look at the future much more calmly than we could on the eve of the Crimean War. In the first place, we have dismissed the hope that the Turkish Empire can be regenerated, and when things are seen to be inevitable they are also seen to bring with them many elements of consolation. In the second place, our thoughts turn less to the Provinces than to the Capital of Turkey, and, even if the Northern part of the Empire should fall under the protection of other Powers, years might elapse before it would be necessary to form ultimate plans for the government of Constantinople. For this very delicate subject it is sufficient to say that as the Emperor Nicholas found to his cost in 1829, the way to Constantinople is long by land, and, as his successor knows, we could make it impossible by sea. This fact will prevent many embarrassments and misunderstandings. Finally, whatever may be the fate of Turkey, we shall be able to take care of our communications with the East. Self-preservation is the supreme law to England as well as to other States, and its dictates are quite clear in the present case. The more Turkey is menaced the firmer must become our hold of the Suez Canal.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The application which this company are now making to Government (according to their advertisement in the *Times*) for permission to raise £800,000 upon debentures under an old Act of Parliament justifies inquiries that might otherwise seem impertinent regarding their precise position and liabilities. If the public are expected to become investors in this new domestic loan, they are entitled to receive explanations or denials of certain serious charges that have been brought against the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company by one of their former managers. The charges to which we allude are contained in two letters from Mr. George Bain, "a late manager of the company," which were printed in our issues of the 22nd and 27th instant. These statements, it cannot be questioned, most seriously affect the financial credit of the company. They represent that half the original capital has been lost; and we observe that the company's new £50 shares, with £20 paid, are quoted on the Stock Exchange at £5 to £7 discount, or equal to from 25 to 35 per cent. discount. Amongst the other extraordinary revelations contained in Mr. Bain's letter is the statement that the alleged reserve fund of £435,123 on 30th September, 1874, had no existence, but that, on the contrary, there was in reality a deficit of £1,088,290. It is represented that the nominal reserve is only obtained by the company valuing their fleet at 73 per cent. higher than that of the Royal Mail Company, which is declared to be as valuable ten per ton. Now, without endorsing any of the accusations or charges other than Mr. Bain's extraordinary charges—which, for aught we know, may all be capable of satisfactory explanation—we cannot but think that the company are bound to take notice of them, if only to reassure their shareholders regarding the value of property which is confidently stated to be so seriously depreciated. It would seem also to be in the interest of the company itself to meet Mr. Bain's charges, which, if unanswered, cannot fail to interfere with their success in raising more money on debentures. We believe that the company's paid-up capital amounts to £2,000,000, and that they have already £800,000 of debentures running, which is the full amount permitted them under their Royal Charters. According to their published accounts of 30th September, 1874, the unsecured floating debt at that date exceeded that amount. Would it not be better in these circumstances for the responsible managers of the Peninsular and Oriental Company to offer some explanations to the public whose money they hope to obtain?—*The Hour*, Nov. 1.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HOUR."

SIR,—In response to your invitation in the *Hour* of this date, I beg to invoke your aid in the interests of those concerned by publishing this letter. I circulated to the shareholders of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company a pamphlet, dated 27th November, 1874, entitled, "False Statements in the Accounts of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company," and published another, dated 26 h May, 1876, entitled, "The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company—The Decline and Impending Fate" I enclose a copy of the latter, which may give some faint idea of the former, and show the untrustworthy nature of the accounts supplied by the board of directors in their printed annual reports, which are reproduced in the newspapers.

I reproduce from the last-named pamphlet the following statements as mere samples: The board represents the company on 30 h September, 1874, having a reserve fund of £435,123. I assert that, on the contrary, there was a deficit of £1,088 290. Their figures depend upon the truthfulness of their valuation of their fleet as an asset at an average of £29 19s per ton, and mine at an average rate of £17 5s per ton. My calculation is at the rate of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's fleet, as given in their published accounts—the ships of the latter being as valuable ton per ton on an average—and they average two years under the age of the P and O Company's fleet. My pamphlets explain the manipulation of the accounts, bringing the rate to £30. At the meeting on the 8th June, 1875, the board stated the fleet as being: Tons 119,418 at an average rate of £29 19s. per ton. I represented it given as: Tons 119,457, at an average of £30, according to their own accounts. This error of 1s. per ton in the calculation of the rate was the only refutation they adduced to the charges in these two pamphlets at the annual and half-yearly meetings on 4th December, 1874, and 8th June, 1875, at which I called attention to the charges therein contained.

The board valued the fleet and floating property as assets at £3,757,220, but for depreciation at £2,800,000, and for marine insurance at £2,600 000. At the December meeting I showed that out of a dividend of £135 000 then declared there was paid out of capital a sum of £99,000. That indicated that the real earnings were only 1½ per cent., amounting to £45,000, and at the last half-yearly meeting no dividend was forthcoming.

With Government postal subsidies averaging about £600,000 per annum for a number of years (equal to 22 per cent. upon the paid-up capital), dividends had only averaged 5 per cent. per annum, exclusive of bonuses from the profit, on the company being the insurers of its fleet, and these dividends have been largely paid out of capital. One illustration of how this has arisen recorded in these pamphlets is in regard to the purchase of the steamer Deccan. At a time when I (then a manager of the company) assured the managing directors that such a ship could be purchased for £90,000, and the Pacific Steam Navigation Company did buy (on the same river) at the rate of £89,000, we paid for the Deccan £112,000, and, but for my threats of exposure, £142,000 would have been paid. There is also recorded the attempt, successful for a time to brand that statement as malicious falsehood by producing at the meeting on 5th December, 1873, a letter from the vendors declaring that £117,000 was the highest price ever asked. At the subsequent meeting in June, 1874 I produced photographs of the original letters from the same vendors (and their authenticity was reluctantly admitted), in which £111,000 (and £129,000 the following day) were demanded for the ship. This refutation I was prevented from producing at the previous meeting by a process thus described by one of the largest shareholders in the company in a letter to the *Railway News*, which is extracted in the enclosed pamphlet: "It would have been wiser for the shareholders to have listened to him than allow him to be barked down by tradesmen of the Company, with comparatively insignificant holdings, to whom their dividend was of small consequence compared with the gains they were no doubt making from their dealings with the company."—I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

GEORGE BAIN,
Late a Manager of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co.
4, Eaton-road, Hampstead, October 29.
22nd Oct.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HOUR."

SIR,—I thank you for inserting my last letter in your issue of 22nd inst., and beg the same favour for this. The former set forth the untrustworthiness of the accounts of the above company, published by the Board, involving an over-statement of the value of its assets to the extent of a million and a half sterling on the fleet alone. This letter will adduce a portion of my proofs of the "manipulations," extending to every ship in the fleet by which that result is attained. It is not the unfortunate shareholders alone who are interested in the wise and honest administration of the company's affairs, for its vast Government postal subsidies are based upon the Board's representations that they were necessary in order to enable the company to declare the dividends of 5 or 6 p r cent. per annum which have been paid. I, on the contrary, maintain—and in a subsequent letter shall show upon what grounds I do so—that under proper management the company could have paid higher dividends, *even had these Government subsidies been reduced by a quarter of a million sterling* per annum, involving a corresponding reduction in the heavy Indian and colonial postage affected thereby. *In fact, unsubsidised companies have been paying much larger dividends.*

The following remarks apply to their published accounts, dated 30th September, 1874 issued 27th November, 1871. The financial system of the company is based upon the following principles, viz., that the life of a ship is estimated at twenty years, and that out of her earnings a sum equal to 5 per cent. upon her cost shall be set aside annually, under the name of "*depreciation*," to form a "depreciation fund," which, at the end of 20 years, would thus produce a sum equal to her original cost, with which to purchase a new ship. What is called the "book value" of a ship is, therefore, her original cost less whatever amount may, according to her age, have been thus written off. Consequently, when 15 years of age her depreciation account would show 75 per cent. at her credit, thus leaving 25 per cent. of her original cost at her "Book value" If sold before the 20 years expire, and the price obtained be less than her book value, the difference is "loss" and that less is taken out of the "reserve fund," which is created for that and other purposes. The recent and present practice has been to ignore these obligations by taking less than the proper sum for depreciation, and writing off against reserve fund but a trifling portion of the loss on ships sold. The loss upon the latter thus goes to increase the valuation of the remaining ships, with the result as a whole of representing a fleet at £30 per ton instead of £17 5s., at which—like the Royal Mail Company—it should stand. The following is a portion of the direct and indirect proofs of this statement.—

The steamer Zambesi was purchased in 1872 and in the Board's printed "Minutes of Proceedings" at the meeting of the Company held on 5th December 1873, they recorded her price as having been £63,000
From that sum 18 months' Depreciation at £5 per cent. per annum should have been deducted. 5,475

And therefore on 30th September, 1874, she should have stood in the Fleet List at..... 57,525
Instead of that she stands in that list (see page 18 of my pamphlet entitled "The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company: its Decline and Impending Fate") at..... 76,000

That shows a "Manipulation" during 18 months of 32 per cent., or £18,475

The ship is 2,431 tons, making her average £31 5s. 3d. per ton. Her original cost was about twice her real value, she being a most inferior vessel, and known throughout the fleet by the bitter adjective of "the *beastly* Zambesi," according to the *Bombay Gazette* of 2nd July, 1875. The steamer Kashgar, bought in the following year of the same *speculator* (for neither were purchased of the builders), and a still more inferior ship known, in fact, as the *Rattletrap*, cost £32 4s. 9d. per ton, while in the same year (1872) the Royal Mail Company acquired that fine steamer the Severn, at the rate of £23 7s. 9d. per ton!!! The excess in the cost of the Kashgar was 38 per cent., equal to a sum of £23,203 upon that wretched craft.

Take another proof, the above-named "proceedings" recorded the prices paid in 1868 for the new notorious steamer Deccan, and the Hindostan, as being £112,000 each say together £224,000
Six years' depreciation, at 5 per cent. per annum, equal to 67,200

Should have reduced them in the Fleet List to £156,800
Whereas they actually stand there respectively at £110,000 and £102,800, say together 212,800

Representing the "manipulation" as amounting to £55,500. These are new ships, observe how the old are dealt with.

The steamer Simla is twenty-one years old, and consequently her entire cost should have been written off to depreciation a year ago. Instead of that she stands in the Fleet List at £12 8s per ton, equal to about 40 per cent. of her original cost Again, a test that valuation with the prices at which three paddle steamers have been sold by the Board during the last few years, and some of these were the finest built in the fleet These ships were the Syria, Nyanza, and Delta, of average age when sold of nine years. These sold at an average rate of £10 16s per ton, while the Simla, at twenty-one years old, stands as above, at £12 8s.

One more illustration in an opposite direction to show the contrast between the valuations of two steamers built by the same builders, when it is considered desirable to make the loss appear small upon one of them (the Massilia) which is about to be sold. Both were built by the Thames Ironworks Company, and now stand in the Fleet List thus: The Massilia (paddle), built in 1860, £16 1s per ton; the Poonah (screw,) built in 1862, £46 5s per ton!!!—I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

GEORGE BAIN,
Late Manager of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.
Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, 4, Eton-road, Hampstead, London, October 25.
27th Oct.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HOUR."

SIR,—In an article headed "Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company," in your issue of to-day, it is stated that the company propose to raise 800,000 upon debentures, and it is inferred that such amount is in addition to the debentures at present running. Our advertisement in the *London Gazette* and *Times* very distinctly states that the debenture stock proposed to be issued is to and subject to the express condition that the amount raised thereby shall be appropriated solely and specially to the conversion or redemption of debentures of the said company of the like aggregate amount." We will, therefore, feel obliged by your inserting this letter in your next issue, in correction of the statement in the article in question.—We are, Sir, your obedient servants,

WAYNEY and TILLEARD,
Solicitors for the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.
34, Clements-lane, E. C., November 1.
2nd Nov.

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